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Projected Railroad from the West,
Through Brooke County in this
State, to the East.

A Convention was held at Mt. Vernon,
Ohio, a short time since, at which a
line was projected from the West to the
East. We have not much faith in the
construction of an entire new line while
so many half-finished ones are waiting
for want of capital; but as our country
is on the proposed route, we extract from
a correspondent of the Brownsville Clipper—
Washington, Pa., Republican.

Information was presented at the Con-
vention derived from actual survey,
which shows that either Chicago or
St. Louis to Cincinnati, Ohio, on the pro-
posed line of the People's Freight Rail-
way Company, the work of construction
would be very light, while between these
points the maximum grade going East
would be but twenty feet per mile, and
twenty-six feet going West. It was as-
serted by a gentleman there present,
and whose judgment is entitled to much
weight, that the best line east from Cin-
cinnati, would be found to pass by the
way of Trickle Creek, through Cadiz, Ohio,
thence down Indian Short Creek to the
Ohio River, crossing that river into the
mouth of the valley of Short Creek, West
Virginia, from which a gap leads in the
same course to the valley of Buffalo creek
near Bethany, West Virginia.

It was asserted that the head waters of
Buffalo creek and Ten Mile creek were so
interlocked with each other as to provide
a passage for a railroad from the Ohio to
the Monongahela river with low grades
at comparatively slight cost. Such a line,
in following up Buffalo creek and down
Ten Mile creek, would pass in West Vir-
ginia near the village of Bethany and
in Pennsylvania, Dunfries, the postoffice,
Acheson's, the village, Prosperity, post-
office, Littleville, Ten Mile village, and
Zollarsville. On reaching the Monongahela
river, it would pass down that stream
to Brownsville, thence follow up
the valley of Redstone to a point near
Upper Middleburg, thence through the
gap in the Chestnut ridge made by the
Youghiogheny river, thence climbing up
the east side of Chestnut ridge toward
Donagel and across the valley to Laurel
Hill, thence (southerly along the west
side of Laurel Hill across the glades to
Somerset and from there by an easy
grade to the village of Allegheny
Mountains, near Berlin. From the sum-
mit of the Allegheny Mountains to New
York, surveys have been made which
show a very direct line with low grades
and easy construction. In addition to
the shortness of this line and its low
grades, another great inducement to have
it selected for the coming Freight Rail-
way is the fact that it passes through the
very heart of the Bituminous coal region
of Western Pennsylvania, as yet unde-
veloped. How important this will be
understood when it is remembered that
one-third of all the money received by
the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for
freight passing over its road, is derived
from the coal trade which goes upon the
road from only six miles of its line in West-
moreland county.

Ohio.
Cincinnati Herald and Union.
Ohio is the choicest State name of the
thirty-seven. It is short, euphonious,
easy to pronounce or write, devoid of ac-
cent, in sound or sound, and may be
abbreviated with one letter.—State Jour-
nal.

And Ohio is, in some respect, the best
State in the Union. She contains within
her borders all necessary elements of hu-
man subsistence and wealth, vegetable,
animal and mineral; and she could sup-
port a population of twelve million of
people in comfort and plenty. In a natu-
ral sense, the southeastern quarter of
Ohio is practically inexhaustible. Agri-
culturally, the northwestern quarter, we
believe, is destined to prove the most
productive for there is little or no waste
land—much of it now clothed with dense
forest. The northwestern quarter, besides
its rich iron and coal products, is cut up
into small tillage farms and extensive
pastures, the latter of which furnish the
famous butter and cheese of the State.
The southwestern is the best known
quarter, containing Cincinnati and sev-
eral other large cities; and consequently, as
yet, the most populous. We have tested
other States, in various parts of the Union,
and have always been glad to get back to
Ohio.

It is a singular fact that wheat, corn
and oats are now selling in the Chicago
market at almost the same price per
bushel. The Tribune of that city quoted
wheat on Monday at 98 cents per bushel,
corn at 83 cents and oats at 53 cents.
Rating wheat at 60 pounds to the bushel,
and corn 50 pounds, and oats 33 pounds,
and reducing corn and oats to the standard
of wheat, the Tribune gives the following
comparison of the prices of the different
cereals mentioned:

Wheat, 60 pounds..... 98¢
Oats, 33 pounds..... 53¢
Corn, 50 pounds..... 83¢
And adds that another somewhat singular
result of the present market price is that
while wheat is comparatively so low in
this market, shippers find the prices five
cents per bushel to their loss in New
York, while, notwithstanding the high
price of oats, there is a considerable
profit in shipping that grain to New York.

BEER AND WINE.—There are 738,000,
000 gallons of beer consumed annually in
England. In Germany the number of
gallons is 148,000,000 of beer and 131,
500,000 of wine. In France the annual
consumption of beer is 297,
000,000 gallons, and of wine, 73,000,
000 gallons. The value of all this liquor
represents \$3,000,000,000, and the amount
of capital invested in the production
amounts to \$3,000,000,000 more.

An old lady who lives out West was
selling some butter to a grocer, and some
one mentioned something about the
Becher scandal. "What is that thing
anyhow?" asked the old lady. "It is
in the papers, but my eyes are poor and I
haven't felt like reading." "Well, it's just
this," replied the grocer, as he scraped out
the crock. "Mr. Becher, a man from New
York, told him twelve pairs of socks,
and when she got 'em done, she
tried to pass a counterfeit bill on her."
"Is that so?" exclaimed the aged dame.
"Well, I don't blame the papers a single
bit for showing him up—he's worse than a
vagabond!"

Our Braxton Correspondence.

The Political Campaign—Meeting of the
Candidates at Braxton, O. H.—Bills, Burdett
Speaks on Hour—Morrison Replies to
Him—An Abstract of G. W. Atkinson's
Speech.

BRAXTON, O. H., Sept. 29, '74.
Messrs of the Intelligencer:
The political war goes bravely on in
this country. We have been blessed with
an unusual number of political stumpers
this year. They are almost as thick as
grasshoppers in the west.

Tuesday last was the appointed time
for Mr. Atkinson, Koller, and Col.
Witcher to address the people at this
place. The first two named made their
appearance. Col. Witcher failed to re-
port. B. W. Byrne, State Superintendent
of Schools, made his appearance in com-
pany with Billy Burdett. Mr. Atkinson
proposed to divide the time, which was
accepted by the opponents of free
commerce. According to arrangement
Billy made the first speech. He was fol-
lowed by Morrison, who made the far
ly in a telling speech of one hour. The
next speaker was G. W. Atkinson, of
Charleston. He spoke an hour and a
quarter, and it will not be denied by any
party that Mr. Atkinson made a splendid
speech on his side of the question, and in
order to give the people an opportunity
to read both sides, I give you the leading
points in Mr. Atkinson's speech.

MR. ATKINSON CLAIMED THAT HE WAS A
Republican because that party represented
the interests and claims of the masses.
He talked at length upon the history and
record of the party. Said it was the
greatest political organization the world
has ever seen. That it has accomplished
the greatest schemes of public improve-
ment that mankind has ever known. That
it has established freedom, free labor and
free speech throughout the Union. That
it is a progressive organization, and is
THE ONLY PARTY OF PROGRESS.

That it reforms itself and is the enemy of
speculators of all parties. He claimed
that the only National issues were
finances and the great water laws. As
expected, however, the Democracy, not-
withstanding, their adoption of Horace
Greeley and the Cincinnati platform,
which declares equal rights to
race, were forcing the issue. Thus
they will continue barking on the
track of Republican progress until they
will die so dead that no trumpet tongue
can ever resurrect them. He said the
Democratic party was opposed to lending
government aid to internal improve-
ment, and besides that it was a free
trade party, consequently a Democrat
COULD NOT REPRESENT THE THIRD DIS-
TRICT.

In Congress for the reason that the
construction of the James river and Kan-
awha canal, and protection to the iron,
coal and salt interests were the only hope
of the district.
He then took up Mr. Herford, and
showed him up in the most gentlemanly
manner—first as a salary grabber, sec-
ondly as a liar and grabber, and thirdly as
a free trader. He showed that he kept the
\$5,000 back pay in his pocket until the
indignation against him became so strong
that he gave it to the school fund of the
State as the only means of ridding him-
self of the odium that it had fastened
upon him, and hoped also by this course
to secure a third term in Congress. Mr.
Atkinson also presented to the people an
introduction by Herford in Congress, which
proposed to donate over ten millions of
acres of the public domain to two Cal-
ifornia and New Mexico canal swindlers,
although Mr. H. claimed to stand upon a
platform which declares that the public
lands should be reserved for homesteads
for the people. As a Free Trader, Mr.
Atkinson introduced

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BY TELEGRAPH

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT

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